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Tina pushed the door slowly, rather anxious. Little did she know, the old lady she met last time was in the room too. She was taken by surprise at this unexpected turn of events.

Shocked, she blurted out, "Madam? Why are you here?"

Madam Langford was taken aback by Tina's sudden appearance. Pleasantly surprised, she regained her composure and put on a calm smile.

"Young lady, come here," she said to Tina. "Let me have a good look at you."

Still confused, Tina obeyed Madam Langford and didn't refute the old lady's gesture of holding her hand.

"Are you Tina Lynd?" Madam Langford asked.

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"Yes, I am," Tina nodded.

"That's great! And here I thought the girl Samuel mentioned would be someone else."

Madam Langford's smile widened, her face beaming with joy. She took Samuel's hand and said, "What a coincidence! Samuel, she's the girl whom I mentioned to you before!"

It was only after Tina heard that did she realize the old woman here was none other than Samuel's grandmother.

No wonder Samuel was unusually angry the last time she met him. She was sure he had misunderstood something.

Before Tina could explain herself, Madam Langford went on, "Since both of you have known each other before, I'll cut to the chase. Let's find a time to get you two married!"

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Tina's jaw dropped in shock. "I beg your pardon? What marriage?"

"Yes, your marriage with Samuel! Don't worry, I know you're a good person. I'll make sure to give you a legitimate status in the Langford family," Madam Langford said cheerfully.

"No, no, no. W-What are you talking about?" Tina waved her hand, anxious. "Madam Langford, this is a misunderstanding!"

Tina had never thought about getting married to Samuel, of all things!

"You, say something!" Tina turned to look at Samuel.

Samuel concurred and finally spoke after a long moment of silence. He chided his grandmother calmly, "Grandma, you're too impatient."

"Me? Impatient? Are you telling me that

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you don't want to take responsibility?" Madam Langford asked angrily. She placed her hand on her chest and continued, "You rascal! Do you intend to worsen my heart condition by angering me?"

Samuel's expression grew tense as he resisted the urge to lash out at Tina. However, he didn't show the slightest anger on the surface and instead did his best to comfort his grandmother.

"Grandma, that's not my intention at all. The issue here is, I've only known her for a month."

"He's right." Unaware of the situation, Tina immediately agreed and nodded profusely. "Madam, we shouldn't treat marriage lightly."

Madam Langford pondered over her words and proposed, "Tina's got a point. Well, why don't we do this? Samuel, give Tina a job in your company. That way, you

can still see her even when you're busy with work. At the same time, everyone will know that you already have a partner. That'll stop other women from fantasizing that they still have a chance with you. What do you think, Tina?"

"What?!" Tina was stunned beyond words.

She was already shouldering immense pressure just by meeting Samuel at the villa, much less meeting him every day at the company!

"Madam Langford, I don't think I want to. U-umm..."

Samuel, on the other hand, cut her off with a nod and a swift reply.

"As long as you're happy, Grandma, I'll do everything you want."

A smile of content graced Madam Langford's lips.

Tina wanted to say something. Alas, her

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stomach growled at a very inappropriate timing and stopped her short.

"What's that sound?" Madam Langford asked, surprised.

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Tina's face flushed red from embarrassment. She felt so ashamed, she wanted nothing more than to dig a hole and shove her head inside. "I left my house quite early today and I didn't get to eat breakfast yet. That's why..."

"You can't go on your day with an empty stomach!" Madam Langford admonished with a stern look. She turned to Samuel and said, "Samuel, take Tina somewhere to eat. I've decided! From now on, she's my future granddaughter-in-law. As long as I'm alive, nobody can treat her poorly! Do you understand me?"

Feeling helpless, Samuel had no choice but to oblige.

"I understand, Grandma." Then, he glanced at Tina and said, "Tina, follow me now."

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"Okay." Tina heaved a sigh of relief. Just as she was about to leave, Madam Langford called out to her again.

While holding Tina's hand, the old woman removed the jade bracelet on her wrist and slid it on Tina's instead.

"This jade bracelet is passed down for generations in the Langford family. It's yours now," Madam Langford explained.

Tina was at loss. "Madam Langford, I can't accept this. It's too..."

Before Tina could finish her words, Samuel grabbed her wrist, gesturing her to stop refusing. "Grandma wishes to give it to you, so you should accept it."

He spoke in a calm and peaceful tone, but was deliberately exerting a lot of strength in his grip on Tina's wrist. It almost seemed like he was trying to crush her bones.

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Left with no choice, Tina dropped her head low and agreed solemnly, "Thank you, Madam Langford."

The moment they left the room, Samuel strode forward without uttering a single word. His fury was furious.

Tina trailed behind nervously, not knowing what to say or do. Looking at their route, it didn't seem like they were heading to eat, either. So, she broke the silence.

"Mr. Langford..."

All of a sudden, Samuel stopped in his tracks and turned to face her.

Tina didn't expect him to turn around so abruptly, and immediately knocked into his sturdy chest

Her nose sore, she let out a gasp and breathed, "I'm so—"

Before she could even apologize, Samuel shoved her away with an indignant snarl.

“Tina, I didn’t expect you to be such a scheming woman! I thought you’d know your place and stay silent, but you have the audacity to drag my grandmother into this!”

Tina knew that there was some sort of misunderstanding between them. Panicked, she tried to explain herself.

“Mr. Langford, this is all a misunderstanding! Meeting your grandmother that day was just a coincidence...”

“And you expect me to believe that?” Samuel sneered again, suppressing the urge to strangle Tina to death. “Stop pretending to be innocent! How dare you pull dirty tricks on my grandmother!”

Tina was speechless.

Samuel hated Tina to the core. Seething, he threatened, “Let me get this straight. I

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will never, ever marry you. You’d better think about how to convince my grandmother otherwise, or else...”

Not only was Tina forced out of bed early in the morning and didn’t even have a chance to grab breakfast, but she was also humiliated and berated by Samuel at his residence.

The injustice of it all stung her. Thinking about this, fury engulfed her whole and she exploded into a sarcastic retort.

“You’re right! I’m a scheming woman who just tricked your grandmother! Now that she’s taken me in as her future granddaughter-in-law, you have no choice but to listen to me! If you want me to solve this problem, give me money! Else, I’ll wreak havoc in your life!”

Samuel glared at Tina and growled, “So! This is your true self, isn’t it? What’s wrong, are you tired of pretending?”

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“If you’re that unhappy, kill me! But before you do it, think about your grandmother’s health. She’s already given the family heirloom to me! That just proves how much she likes me. Let’s make a bet! Let’s see what’ll happen if she knows about my demise! I bet her health will deteriorate even further!”

Tina refused to explain herself anymore. Instead, she glared at Samuel and shot words that struck deep into his sensitive

spots.

“Tina... Do you really think I won’t kill you?”

With cold blooded eyes and a domineering composure, Samuel took out his gun and aimed straight at Tina's head.

Tina squeezed her eyes shut and thought, 'This is it! This is the day I die!'

Bang! An ear-splitting gunshot exploded right next to her ear.

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Tina could clearly hear the bullet flying so close to her ear. It struck through the tree from afar, forming a huge hole in the sturdy bark. The near-death experience weakened her legs and forced her to slump onto the ground.

Samuel raised her chin with the fuming gun, eyes cold.

"Let this be a warning. It'll be your head next time," he said, every syllable dripping with malice.

Trembling from head to toe, Tina now had first-hand experience in validating the rumours about Samuel in Freesia stating that he was a devil reincarnate.

Samuel ignored her and continued to speak, hatred written all over his face.

"I'll never do anything that will anger

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Grandma. I'll keep you alive just to make her happy. But you'll never become my wife. A scheming woman like you doesn't deserve such a prestigious status. If you're still thinking about achieving that goal, I'll make sure you suffer a terrible fate."

The moment he said that, Sandy rushed over with a team of bodyguards. They came in a panic after hearing that gunshot.

"Mr. Langford, what happened? We heard a gunshot. Who..."

They scanned the yard and didn't see anyone aside from a woman, who was shivering profusely at the corner.

Instantly, Sandy registered what had happened.

Samuel put his gun away and instructed Sandy, "Sandy, take her to the company and arrange a job post for her." Having said that, he left.

Sandy was dumbfounded. He thought this

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woman was the president's enemy!

Then, his gaze fell on Tina's wrist with the jade bracelet.

Noticing the severity of the situation, Sandra didn't prod any further and said curtly, "Miss Lynd, you heard the president. Let's head to the company

now.”

Tina’s legs were still wobbly from the shock. “I need some time to myself.”

Sandy frowned.

In the past, all the enemies that the president had personally dealt with were left traumatized and terrified.

The only person who lasted until now was Tina Lynd. That just proved how much of an evil schemer she was.

Sandy thought about Miss Young, who was innocent and naïve. Worry surged in his heart and he grew impatient with Tina.

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“Miss Lynd, you heard the president. We should go now.”

“Alright, I understand.” Tina stood up, albeit still weak in the knees. She couldn’t suppress her emotions anymore, and tears streamed down her face.

As an efficient personal assistant, Sandy informed the HR department to arrange Tina to be the secretary as early as the following afternoon.

Her sudden arrival attracted a lot of attention from the staff.

Anyone who could become the president’s secretary was in no doubt an expert in the field, and definitely a force to be reckoned with.

But judging by Tina’s appearance, she just didn’t strike them as someone who could take on such a big responsibility.

The moment Tina sat down at her desk, the onlookers approached her.

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“What’s your name? I heard the president’s personal assistant escorted you here. I bet you graduated from a prestigious university!”

Tina answered awkwardly, “I’m Tina Lynd. I studied at the University of Conford.”

Since she was forced to stop her studies just a while ago, she had zero working experience.

Right at this moment, someone rolled her eyes.

“Our company’s never accepted graduates from The University of Conford before. The way you got the post as the president’s secretary right off the bat seems to suggest that you’re just another woman who’s trying to seduce the president!”

“Don’t say that! I’m sure she’s special in some ways!”

Tina was grateful to hear a positive comment. Just when she was about to thank the speaker, the manager appeared and gave an announcement.

“Mr. Shaw has informed us to treat the newcomer like an intern.”

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deliberately to torture her both physically and mentally.

Defeated, Tina picked up the printed copies one by one from the floor.

At this moment, someone’s voice shouted from outside. “Everyone, Miss Young is arriving!”

“What? Miss Young’s here? I want to be the first to greet her!”

“Me too!”

Everyone left their posts immediately. Some even knocked on Tina’s arm on purpose, sending all the documents flying to the ground again. While running to the entrance, they stepped on the papers, leaving footprints all over them.

Tina heaved in a deep breath.

‘Samuel Langford, I hope you never find yourself a wife in this lifetime! I hope you get struck by lightning!’ she cursed

inwardly, seething.

After cursing up a storm under her breath, she instantly felt better and continued cleaning up the mess.

Meanwhile, several people were welcoming Miss Young at the company entrance, eager to receive her attention.

Cindy got out of the car slowly, taking her time. She was clad in a pure white dress, a lunchbox in one of her hands. Inside was a lot of delicious food.

“Miss Young, are you here to give Mr. Langford his lunch again?”

“Mr. Langford is so lucky to have such a caring girlfriend!”

Everyone was doing their utmost best to get on Cindy’s good side.

Pleasantly surprised by their praises, Cindy said, “Everyone, you’ve got it wrong! I’m not Samuel’s girlfriend. He’ll

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be angry if he hears about this!”

Despite her’sweetly shy appearance, she was exploding in joy inside.

‘Everyone knows that I’m Samuel’s girlfriend,’ she thought proudly to herself.

Sooner or later, she would become Samuel's wife. By then, she could get rid of all the women who ever dared to seduce him!

While she made her way towards the president's office, she saw a familiar figure in the printing room.

'Wait, is that Tina Lynd?' She was shocked.

Cindy stopped in her tracks and shook her head. "That's not possible! Why is she here? I heard she was admonished by Madam Langford early in the morning. I bet she's crying in a corner somewhere right now!"

The manager noticed that Tina was in the printing room at that very moment, and exploded in anger.

"Tina! What are you doing there? Go get Miss Young a cup of tea, and be quick!"

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Why are they all treating this woman like she's some kind of god?' Tina thought.

"Alright, I'll get on to it."

With just one glimpse, Tina noticed a woman in a white dress amongst the crowd.

'That's probably Samuel's potential girlfriend. She's the one everyone's referring to as Miss Young,' Tina went on speculating

"Hello, Miss Young," Tina greeted Cindy politely. Right after, she turned to the pantry to brew a pot of tea for Cindy.

Cindy couldn't believe her eyes. 'Why is this b*tch here?!'

Suppressing the urge to smack Tina in the face, Cindy went straight to Samuel's office, only to be told that he wasn't in yet.

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She sat in the resting lounge, unable to believe who she had just encountered.

'What on earth happened? I know that b* tch's been pestering Samuel like a parasite, but for her to appear at the company? That's just impossible!'

She hurriedly called the private investigator to ascertain what had happened. However, the private investigator was also in the dark about this situation.

"That's impossible! She clearly left the villa and went to the hospital. I saw it with my own eyes!"

"Well, why is she here at the company?" Cindy demanded.

"I saw her entering the hospital, but I couldn't get close enough. I was worried Samuel's men might notice me. You've heard the rumors, haven't you, Miss Young? Mr. Langford isn't someone you'd

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want to mess with. I don't want to lose my life for a job!"

“You useless b*stard! You’re fired!” Cindy was so enraged that she accidentally flipped the lunchbox, spilling all its contents over the floor.

Right at this moment, someone knocked on the door. Tina’s voice came from outside.

“Miss Young, I’ve brought your tea. May I come in?”

Cindy tried her best to contain her emotions and regain her composure. She replied calmly, “Come inside.”

When Tina saw the lunchbox and its contents on the floor, she jumped in shock.

“What’s this?”

“Oh, I accidentally knocked it over.” Cindy smiled apologetically and continued, “Is it alright if you clean it up for me?”

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“No problem at all, Miss Young,” Tina replied.

Having been treated like a mongrel the entire day, Tina was relieved to have someone treating her with respect.

After she put the teacup on the table, she bent down to clean up the mess.

However, the jade bracelet on her wrist quickly caught Cindy’s attention.

Cindy stood up immediately and grabbed Tina’s wrist. “Where did you get this bracelet? Why do you have it?!”

Gone was her calm appearance. She was now shouting at the top of her lungs, her voice a screeching octave. She was so furious, she buried her nails deep into Tina’s flesh. Her gaze was so threatening that it looked like she wanted nothing better than to murder Tina.

However, Tina didn’t catch Cindy’s

threatening glare. Instead, she shoved Cindy’s hand away with ease.

“That hurts!”

“What happened here?” The manager heard the ruckus from outside and rushed into the lounge.

Cindy regained her meek attitude. She held in her fury and said gently, “It’s nothing. Her jade bracelet just seemed oddly familiar to me, that’s why I…” Cindy stuttered, the picture of sweet innocence.

At Cindy’s awkward words, the manager misunderstood the situation almost immediately.

Knowing that Cindy and Samuel were childhood friends, the manager desperately wanted to get on Cindy’s good side.

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Without much thought, she turned to Tina and accused, "Tina, don't tell me you're committing theft on your first day of work?!"

"I didn't steal this!" Tina tried to explain herself. "Madam Langford gave this to me!"

Everything was clear to Cindy now.

The reason Madam Langford called Tina wasn't because the old lady wanted to teach Tina a lesson.

She even gifted Tina the family heirloom!

At first, Cindy planned to get rid of Tina. Little did she know, her plans had turned against her brilliantly.

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Cindy's complexion turned pale upon the realization. She wobbled back and forth, struggling to stand still.

The manager was shocked. She supported Cindy from falling and yelled, "Call the ambulance. We have to send Miss Young to the hospital! Call the police, too. Send this thief to the police station now!"

Once again, Tina tried to explain herself.

"I already told you! I didn't steal the bracelet!"

"Stop trying to defend yourself! You can talk to the police instead!"

Today was truly an unlucky day for Tina. It was just one thing after another for her! After a long day suffering from unfair treatment, she ended up in the police station. She felt miserable.

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There were a lot of people in the police station. After she was detained, the officers made her wait on the long bench to await interrogation.

Tina was fraught with worry, deeply anxious. Just then, her phone rang. A kind and gentle voice spoke through the receiver.

"Tina, guess who am I?"

After a whole day of pent-up frustrations, tears streamed down Tina's cheeks when she heard Madam Langford's voice.

"Madam Langford..."

When Madam Langford heard Tina's sobbing voice, she changed her tone instantly

"What happened? Why are you crying?"

Knowing that Grandma Langford had a weak heart, Tina didn't want to make the sweet old lady worry. So, Tina wiped her

tears and fixed her tone.

"I'm not crying, I'm just a bit overwhelmed."

Madam Langford didn't believe a word she said, "Did Samuel make things difficult for you again? I knew that brat wouldn't do as told! Just wait, I'll smack him with a broom when he comes back home!"

Tina burst out laughing at the absurdity of it all. "Mrs. Langford, he's your precious grandson! I know you wouldn't do that."

"I love my grandson, but I won't let it slide if he dares to bully you!"

Madam Langford was well aware that Tina was a pitiful orphan. She would do everything to make Tina feel loved and appreciated.

Although Tina hated Samuel to the core, she was still extremely grateful to Grandma Langford.

"Madam Langford, you don't have to worry about me." Tina was still trying to explain herself.

"Tina Lynd! It's your turn to make your statement. You'd better be honest!" A loud voice blasted through the receiver.

Grandma Langford was curious. "What statement? Tina, where are you? And why is it so noisy around you?"

Tina hurriedly explained, "I'm busy working at the company now. I'll call you back later, okay?"

Tina hung up the phone instantly and followed the police officer into the interrogation room.

Grandma Langford, who was in the hospital ward, couldn't help but worry.

She then called the company using a different number. However, the reply she got was very different from what she

expected.

"Tina Lynd? That person doesn't exist in our company. Oh, wait. You're talking about the newcomer, right? She was sent to the police station after being accused of theft."

"What did you just say?" Grandma Langford couldn't believe her ears. "Did Samuel do this to Tina?"

"Who are you? How dare you address our president by his first name!"

Grandma Langford could care less about the employee's rudeness. She hung up and immediately dialed Samuel directly, but the call went straight to voicemail.

Then, she dialed Sandy's number. Sandy replied respectfully, "Madam Langford, the president is currently in a meeting..."

“To hell with his meeting!” She gave an ultimatum. “Tell Samuel that if he still refuses my call, I’ll kill myself right in

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front of him!”

Sandy didn’t expect Mrs. Langford to be in such a thunderous mood. Without a second’s delay, he relayed the message to Samuel.

“Mr. Langford, your grandmother demands that you answer her call immediately.”

Almost immediately, Samuel answered her call.

“Get Tina out of the police station right now! If you don’t do that, I won’t see you as my grandson anymore!”

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After Madam Langford gave that order, she hung up the phone decisively.

Samuel frowned. “Where is Tina now?”

Sandy was shocked. Did something happen to Miss Lynd?

After making several phone calls to make sense of the situation, Sandy realized that Tina had been accused of theft the o moment she started her first day of work. She even pulled Madam Langford into the mess!

“Miss Lynd is at the police station right now. I’ll send someone..”

Before Sandy could finish speaking, Samuel cut him off sternly, “I’ll head over there myself.”

At the opposite end of the conference room, John raised his eyebrows and

asked, “Is something the matter, Mr. Langford?”

“I have some pressing matters to deal with at the moment. Let’s talk tomorrow.”

He left the conference room in a hurry.

Curious, John wondered to himself, ‘I wonder what stirred Samuel up. Judging from their conversation just now, it seems like it’s about a woman. I thought Samuel isn’t the type to get involved in matters pertaining to love and relationships.”

“Send someone to follow them,” John instructed.

For some reason, he was interested in knowing the kind of woman Miss Lynd

was.

At the police station, Tina was undergoing a rough interrogation.

“I swear to god, I didn’t steal anything.”

“Where does the bracelet come from,

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then? I don’t think an intern has the means to buy something so expensive!”

“Madam Langford gave it to me. I can’t ask her to testify, as she’s not in good health at the moment.”

“Then, is there anyone who could testify for you?”

“Yes, but I can’t seem to reach him right now.”

Aside from Madam Langford, the only person she could seek help from was Samuel

However, Samuel had always been the one to reach out to her. It was never the other way around.

No matter how hard she tried to explain, she couldn’t get herself out of this mess.

“That’s enough! Since you refuse to tell us the truth, I’ll have no choice but to lock you up.”

Just when Tina was about to be taken away, the door of the interrogation room swung open.

Samuel appeared at the door, followed by Sandy and a lawyer.

He glanced at Tina, who was crumpled into a little ball on the chair. For some reason, she looked really small and pitiful.

“The jade bracelet is a gift to her from the Langford family. If you have any questions, you can ask our lawyer.”

When Tina heard the familiar voice, she looked up in joy. She didn’t expect Samuel to come here personally.

Looking at Samuel, her heart skipped a beat. As absurd as it sounded, at this moment, the hateful man was akin to Prince Charming saving the day.

Finally, Tina was cleared of suspicions with the presence of a testifier. She followed Samuel to the car.

Before Tina could thank him, Samuel snapped sarcastically, “Tina, is this also part of your plan?”

“I...” Exhausted, Tina answered helplessly, “I didn’t do it on purpose.”

Samuel bent down and pulled Tina’s cheek roughly, bruising her.

“It doesn’t matter if you did it on purpose or not. Let this be a warning to you! If you dare to make grandma worry again, I’ll make your life a living hell.”

“Is Madam Langford the one who asked you to come here?” Worried, she tugged at Samuel’s sleeve. “Is she alright?”

Tina didn't expect Grandma Langford to notice that there was something amiss in the phone call just now.

Samuel pulled back his hand and sneered, "She's alright. I'll take you to the hospital right now to visit her. Make sure she's not worried and anxious anymore." "Alright, I will," Tina assured him.

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Deep down, Tina was moved and grateful towards Madam Langford's kindness. It only took one meeting for the old lady to be so emotionally invested in Tina.

When they arrived at the hospital ward, Madam Langford was already waiting anxiously for their arrival. She held Tina's hand and caressed them gently, concern in her gaze.

"Are you okay? You're not hurt anywhere, are you?"

"Don't worry, Mrs. Langford, I'm alright," Tina joked. "I saw a fight on the road, so the police wanted me to make a statement at the police station. I didn't tell you on the phone because I didn't want you to worry."

"Are you telling me the truth?" Madam Langford found it difficult to believe

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Tina's story. She threw a skeptical glance at Samuel and pursed her lips. "Did he make things difficult for you in any way?"

Tell me everything!"

"I'm telling the truth. Look, there are no injuries on me at all!"

Tina was lying. She wanted Madam Langford to have peace of mind, so the truth couldn't be divulged.

"Since I'm already here, why don't I make you some supper?"

"Sure!" Madam Langford was delighted. "Last time when you made me something to eat, Samuel also tasted some of your food. He even praised your culinary skills!"

"Really?"

Tina was shocked. She wondered if she had heard wrongly. Then again, Samuel must've said that to please his grandmother.

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While Tina busied herself in the kitchen, Madam Langford turned to Samuel with a stern expression.

"Samuel, I've already decided that she will be my future granddaughter-in-law. As long as I'm alive, nobody is allowed to make things difficult for her."

Samuel was confused. "Grandma, what did Tina do to make you so in love with her?"

“I may be old, but I’m not blind. I can see that Tina suits you best. You must treat her well, alright?”

Samuel had no choice but to oblige.

Right at this moment, Tina emerged with a steaming pot of supper.

“Madam, I made porridge from the ingredients you have in the kitchen. Let me know how it tastes.”

Madam Langford ate a spoonful of

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porridge and said happily, “It’s been a long time since I had porridge as good as this one. Samuel, taste this!”

Samuel frowned. It was obvious he wasn’t interested in something as ordinary as porridge.

Noticing his disgusted expression, Tina hurriedly said, “I’ll go to the kitchen to take out two bowls. I’m hungry, too.”

She reached out to take the bowl, but Samuel stopped her by grabbing her hand.

“I’ll eat that.”

“Alright,” Tina retracted her hands.

The moment he tasted the porridge, he was pleasantly surprised.

He didn’t expect Tina to have such good culinary skills. Even though it was just plain porridge, it was still rich in flavor.

“How is it?” she asked expectantly.

Samuel replied coldly, “It’s nothing exceptional.”

Tina wasn’t dispirited at all. After all, how could the Tyrant of Freesia be impressed by a bowl of plain old porridge when he was used to eating expensive food?

Thus, she ignored Samuel’s remark and started chatting with Madam Langford instead

It was definitely an unusual sight to see Madam Langford, who was usually stern

and reserved, laughing and chatting merrily. She had completely warmed up to

Tina in just a short span of thirty minutes.

Looking at the heart-warming scene, Samuel had to admit: despite Tina’s scheming nature, only she could make his grandmother smile like that.

Around midnight, Tina and Samuel prepared to leave.

Madam Langford gave Samuel a timely reminder. “Samuel, don’t forget what I said.”

Tina soon left the hospital with Samuel. When she was in the back seat, she yawned and fell asleep.

She didn't know how long had passed before she woke up. Having risen, she paid attention to the scenery outside the windows.

This place looks oddly familiar. I think it's Samuel's private residence,' she thought.

"Mr. Langford, what do you mean by bringing me here?" Tina asked.

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Samuel didn't say anything, and got out of the car in silence.

Tina trailed from behind and asked carefully, "Mr. Langford, should I take a taxi back home?"

Samuel snarled coldly, "From now onwards, you'll be living together with me. We'll be going to the company together early in the morning."

Then, he left without giving her any further explanation.

Tina was left dumbfounded at the sudden news. 'Is he for real?! Am I actually living with him? What did I do to him? Is this his way of taking revenge?' She was in despair.

Even though she deeply hated the idea, she couldn't bring herself to reject him.

In a car stationed afar, someone was eavesdropping on their conversation.

"I heard Mr. Langford has never allowed women to live in his private quarters, Mr. Carter. It seems this woman is an exception."

The speaker was a scruffy-looking man none other than Mr. Jackson, the person Tina had bumped into while sending food at the nightclub.

John thought about the incident and muttered, "It seems she's the kitten from last time."

"Huh? What do you mean by that, Mr. Carter?" Mr. Jackson asked.

The driver explained, "During our last visit to Mr. Langford's residence to discuss partnership, someone accidentally broke the vase by the stairs. Samuel claimed a kitten did it. Seems the cat turned out to be a woman."

"Tsk, tsk. I see, he's been playing around with that woman all this while." Mr. Jackson grew even more curious. "Since he's putting so much effort into hiding her, she should be a beauty. Pity, I can't see her face clearly because it's too dark."

Tina, on the other hand, had no idea that know that she was the current hot topic.

Samuel strode forward quickly, not even bothered to turn back to check on her. Exhausted, she lay on the sofa and called it a night.

Early in the morning, Sandy arrived at Samuel's private residence on time as always.

When he saw a person sleeping on the sofa, he jumped in shock. "Who's there?!"

Just as Sandy was prepared to storm into the living room with his bodyguards, Tina got up and rubbed her eyes in a sluggish manner.

Sandy finally recognized her and asked, "Miss Lynd! Why are you here?"

When Tina tried to explain herself, she let out a loud sneeze. She didn't expect to catch a cold just from a night out on the sofa.

Samuel frowned when he came downstairs, "Why were you sleeping in the living room?"

"I didn't know where to sleep," she replied quietly. You didn't arrange a room for me, either."

Last night, Samuel didn't even bother to show her around the place. Worried that she would be scolded for searching the rooms without permission, Tina chose to spend the night on the sofa instead.

Samuel frowned irritably, "Sandy, arrange a room for her to sleep in. From now on, she'll be living here."

"Yes, Mr. Langford."

Sandy appeared calm on the surface, but he was actually horrified by the fact that Samuel was actually living together with a woman. 'This is madness!'

Tina then sneezed two times in a row. Looking at her haggard appearance, Samuel spat in disgust, "Send her to the hospital. Make sure she doesn't fall ill."

"This woman is unattractive in every single aspect imaginable. If it wasn't for Madam Langford, Mr. Langford would've thrown her to the streets to fend for herself,' Sandy thought.

After that, Samuel promptly left for work.

"Miss Lynd, please come with me," Sandy said.

"I thought I had to go to work," Tina said.

Sandy smiled politely and said, "Miss Lynd, the secretaries in the office are more than capable to handle everything. Your absence won't make any difference to them."

Tina understood what he meant instantly. Basically, she was just a nuisance in the office.

Fortunately, Tina had just caught a cold and nothing more. She would heal in no time even with over-the-counter medications.

After being late for an hour, she arrived at the office. When the secretaries in the office saw her, they frowned.

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"You thief! How dare you come back here after what you've done?"

"She's so shameless! She's even late for work!"

Her colleagues gossiped non-stop without any reservations. Too lazy to explain herself, Tina ignored them and went to her post.

“Why isn’t she giving us any reaction? God, she really is shameless!”

Seeing that Tina was unfazed, they stopped and started ordering her around.

“Tina, you still haven’t printed the copies from yesterday! Stop lazing around and start working!”

“Get me a cup of tea now!”

Tina did as told without complaining. During lunch break, the manager walked into the office and made an announcement. “Everyone, Mr. Carter’s arriving later. Be prepared to welcome him!”

“What? Did you hear that? Mr. Carter’s coming! I’ll be the one sending refreshments into the office later. This is my only chance to be with him!”

“What are you getting so worked up for? You sound so desperate!”

“Mr. Carter is almost as handsome as Mr. Langford. He’s very mild-mannered, too!”

Tina didn’t have time to listen to her colleagues’ inane gossip. After going through her lunch the fastest way possible, she went straight to the office to complete her tasks.

Right at this moment, a woman in a white dress knocked gently on the office door.

“Excuse me, are you Tina Lynd?”

Tina looked up, and noticed that the speaker was Miss Young from yesterday.

She stood up quickly and said, “Hi, yes. I’m Tina.”

Cindy put on a gentle facade and spoke in an apologetic tone.

“Please forgive me. I wasn’t feeling too well yesterday. Before I fainted, I spouted some nonsense that led you to the police station. I’m here to give you my sincerest apologies.”

Pleased with Cindy’s apologetic mannerisms, Tina said cheerfully, “That’s alright. I’ve already settled yesterday’s problem.”

Looking at Tina’s smile, Cindy was beyond disgusted. However, she still spoke gently. “You must be over the moon, since Samuel personally went to the police station to get you out. By the way, can you show me your jade bracelet again?”

Tina reached out her hand.

Cindy caressed the jade bracelet and murmured softly, “This bracelet is the Langford family’s heirloom. Why is it on your arm? What’s your relationship with Samuel?”

“I...” Tina stuttered awkwardly, unsure of what to say.

Thinking about Cindy’s relationship with Samuel, Tina feared Cindy might misunderstand the situation.

Before she could explain herself, Samuel’s voice echoed from afar, cutting off her words.

“What are you doing here, Cindy?”

Cindy saw an opportunity coming. When Tina wasn't looking, she immediately feigned a fall.

"Oh, no!"

Cindy pretended to fall on her back. From Samuel's perspective, it looked like Tina was the one pushing her!

Samuel showcased his excellent reflexes as he pulled Cindy into the safety of his arms. Immediately after, he shot a deadly glare at Tina.

"Tina! What do you think you're doing?"

"I..."

Yet again, Tina couldn't explain as Cindy spoke over her quickly.

"It's not her fault, Samuel. Miss Lynd didn't do anything to me. I accidentally lost my footing when I was looking at her jade bracelet."

However, Samuel didn't buy Cindy's story the moment he saw Cindy's expression.

Judging by Tina's outrageous personality, she must've shown off the jade bracelet. She probably attempted to hurt Cindy with it. "Tina! Apologize this instant!" he roared, vicious.